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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, ITC

SUBJECT: ITC THIRD AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

REF: (A) LA PAZ; (B) STATE 001392

1. AS IN THE PAST, DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK  
CLOSELY WITH GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, POSTS  
IN DEVELOPING US POSITION TOWARD THE ITC AND ITS  
DELIBERATIONS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND EMBASSY'S STATEMENT  
CONCERNING THE "APPARENT INCONSISTENCY OF THE U.S. POSITION".  
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THE U.S. PARTICIPATED IN THE JANUARY 7 SPECIAL SESSION  
AND, AS INDICATED IN REF. B, IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN OTHER SPECIAL SESSIONS IF THEY ARE REQUIRED. HOWEVER,  
FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN REF. B, THE DEPARTMENT  
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY UNWISE AT THIS TIME TO SET  
A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE NEXT SPECIAL SESSION. IF ANOTHER  
SPECIAL SESSION IS REQUESTED, WE BELIEVE THAT LATE APRIL

OR EARLY MAY WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME SINCE IT WOULD GIVE BOLIVIA SEVERAL MONTHS TO RECONSIDER ITS EXTREME POSITION AND, HOPEFULLY, TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT. IF, HOWEVER, THE BOLIVIANS DO NOT RATIFY BY THAT DATE, THE TWO MONTHS REMAINING BETWEEN THE END OF APRIL AND JUNE 30 SHOULD

BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE ITC TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING EITHER OR BOTH AMENDING THE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND ITS PROVISIONAL STATUS OR REQUESTING THE UN TO CONVENE A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH PRICE ISSUES IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. THE POINT AS WE SEE IT IS THAT THE PRODUCERS, EXCEPTING BOLIVIA, ACCEPTED A PRICE RANGE INCREASE IN DECEMBER AND AGREED THAT THE PRICE ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED AGAIN UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ITC'S COMMITTEE ON COSTS AND PRICES. WHILE BOLIVIA IS FREE TO UNILATERALLY RAISE THE PRICE ISSUE AT ANY TIME, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ITC SHOULD GIVE UNDUE WEIGHT TO BOLIVIA'S MINORITY VIEW.

4. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE BOLIVIA WILL RATIFY THE AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF BOLIVIA OR OTHER ITC MEMBERS TO THROW THE ITA INTO A NEW NEGOTIATION AT THIS TIME. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, SEVERAL OF THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN BOLIVIA ARE SCHEDULED FOR FORMAL REVIEW IN EARLY 1979 UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FIFTH ITA. THERE IS NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THIS REVIEW WOULD EXCLUDE OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO MEMBER  
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GOVERNMENTS. SHOULD A NEW NEGOTIATION OCCUR THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD ATTEND, NOR THAT IT WOULD SIGN OR RATIFY ANY RESULTING AGREEMENT. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT OTHER ITC MEMBERS INCLUDING THE U.S. WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT ISSUES THEY WOULD WISH TO RAISE IN THE COURSE OF A NEW NEGOTIATION.  
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